

SWAMP FOX SCENE



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State of the City Address



All are invited to attend this year's Lunch and Learn event sponsored by Olde Towne Marion. The event is scheduled for October 24, 2013 at 12:00 noon. It will be held at the Marion Opera House. The honorable Mayor Bobby L Davis will be making the annual State of the City address. Please make plans to attend this informative event. Seating is limited so please call (843) 423-9918 to make your reservations. The cost is \$5 per person and includes lunch. We look forward to seeing you there.

First Youth Safety Awareness Big Hit

Youth Council Chairperson Diontre Gibson held his first Youth Safety Awareness at the CD Joyner Auditorium. It was a great success. Kids of all ages and adults were in attendance. Marion County Emergency Services, City of Marion Police Department and City of Marion Fire Department were there to teach kids and youth about safety. There was a Puppet show performance to provide entertainment.

Thanks to Mayor Bobby L Davis, Marion Police Chief Jim Gray, Marion Fire Chief Trey Cooper, Marion County Director of Emergency Services Joney Price and everyone that helped put this event together and for everyone that came out to show their support.



YOUTH SAFETY AWARENESS 2013

PLAY DAY 2013
Photos, visit City of Marion's Facebook or Marion Recreation Department's Facebook.

HIDDEN BLESSINGS

On August 30, 2013 while visiting businesses on Main Street and soliciting for the Marion Police Department's 2nd Annual Fish Fry Fund Raiser, Capt. Barr went into a business that purchased tickets to the event. The business owner ended up donating items to the Marion Police Department to distribute in the community. The business owner donated over a hundred pairs of new shoes to the Police Department. Captain Cindy Barr has taken the new shoes throughout the City of Marion and given shoes to those who were deemed in need. Justine Roberts Dance Performing Arts Academy was blessed with over 30 pairs of shoes to give to her students; Mrs. Ellen Baldwin, Mrs. Stoudimire, and Mrs. Williams were all given several pairs of shoes to distribute to others in the community.

On September 11, 2013 another donation was made to the Marion Police Department by the same business owner on Main Street in the City of Marion. The contributed items included brand new shoes and clothing. The items were distributed to various non-profit agencies within the community. Some of the agencies receiving the items were: The RISE after school mentoring program, Johnakin Middle School, Marion High School, local churches, and some of our citizens in the community. Captain Barr expressed her appreciation to the City of Marion Street Department employees who graciously helped her distribute the items and thanked God for the blessings!!!



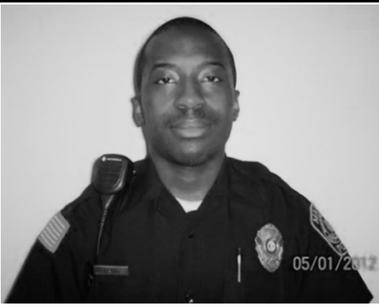
Mayor's Monthly Beautification Award

Dal "Pee Wee" Johnson



Presented on September 10th by Mayor Davis in appreciation for helping maintain the beauty of the City of Marion.





Employee of the Month

Each month, the City of Marion awards an employee with the honor of Employee of the Month. The employee is chosen based on his or her performance during the month. While many nominations are submitted for the outstanding work city employees do, only one person whose accomplishments were far above and beyond the parameters of their job is selected. The Mayor and City Council are proud to honor recipients with this award and thank all employees for the exceptional work they do on a daily basis for the City and the citizens of Marion.

Officer Tyrone Reed was selected as the August 2013 Employee of the Month. Officer Reed has been employed with the City of Marion Police Department since March 2012. Mayor Bobby L. Davis and City Council recognized Officer Reed for his service and dedication to the City of Marion at the September 10th Council Meeting.

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A PDF version is available by e-mail or online. For more information about the newspaper, call Mayor Bobby L. Davis or City Administrator Alan Ammons at (843) 423-5961.

Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Mr. and Mrs. Watson Huggins, 607 Blue Street, have been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for September 2013. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character.

Mr. and Mrs. Huggins will be receiving a gift certificate from Tru Green Nursery in recognition of this honor.

September Recovery Month



Donny Brock of Trinity Behavioral Care and Marion Mayor Bobby Davis sign September Recovery Month Proclamation.

Marion County Remember 9/11

In remembrance of the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001 the residents of Marion County rallied at the Cathedral Bible College in Marion SC. Marion County Woodmen of the World Chapter 122 representative Bryan Brown helped Marion Fire Chief Trey Cooper raise the American Flag during the program on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 as a way to honor those friends and love ones who lost their lives on that memorable day.



SENIOR COUNCIL MEETING (AGES 62 & UP)

The Marion Senior Council will meet on the 4th Thursday of every month at 3:00 pm in the meeting room of the Marion Fire Station on Bond Street.

Goal: Address Senior concerns, build a better vision for Marion and decide what, in our experience and wisdom, we can do to create a more unified community.

Marion Police 2nd Annual Fish Fry



The City of Marion Police Department hosted their second Annual Fish Fry on Saturday September 21, 2013. The Marion Police Department would like to thank all of the city employees and members of the community who volunteered their time and hard work at the event. We also would like thank everyone in the community who supported the Police Department by purchasing tickets and/or by making monetary donations. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thanks for helping make this event successful!

Looking for the right place to hold your next event?

Need a place to have your class reunion, family reunion, church social, or to have a party? We have the perfect location for you, whether an outdoor or indoor event from our picnic shelter or our recreation and fine arts center. Anyone interested in these locations for their events should call Russ Smith, at 423-5410 for availability.

"Find Your Roots"
at the Marion Community Garden
Located at 403 N. Withlacoochee Ave.
Rent a raised bed or attend gardening workshops!
For more information or to become a member
Call: (914) 879-8622
Or Email: SarahTGerald@gmail.com

Questions or to share information for the Swamp Fox Scene, please email vnichols@marionsc.gov

2013 Football Family Day

October 19th, 2013 Marion Recreation will hold its first Football Family Day. There will be several teams coming in out of town to play. There will be food served along with our regular concession stand items. Cost to get in the gates will be \$2 per person. 8 years old and under get in **FREE**.

Cheerleaders Bake Sale Fundraiser

The Marion Recreation 2013 Cheering squads will hold a bake sale on October 19th to help raise money to buy new equipment . Stop by their table to get you something sweet to enjoy while watching the games.

DAR helps promote Constitution Week awareness

September 17th begins the national celebration of Constitution Week in America, a week-long commemoration of America's most important document. It is the 226 anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution, which stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history regarding liberties and freedom, and ensuring those inalienable rights to every American. In honor of the occasion, the Blue Savannah/Swamp Fox Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) presented proclamations to the Mayor Bobby L. Davis designating Sept. 17 through Sept. 23 as Constitution Week. Joining with leaders across the nation, Marion Mayor Bobby Davis signed the proclamations asking citizens to vigilantly protect the freedoms guaranteed through this historic document. The Constitution is the world's oldest document still in active use that outlines the self-government of a people.



With Mayor Bobby Davis, from left, are Swamp Fox/Blue Savannah Vice Regent Lynn Atkinson, Dianne Owens, Elizabeth Ficik and Frances Bethea.



Mark your Calendar Look what's on the way in Marion.....

Open each Saturday.....

Olde Towne Marion's Farmers Market & Market Place on Main Street, as well as the Community Farmer's Market. Olde Towne Marion's Farmers Market is open from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 2nd.... 8:30 a.m. Rise and Shine hosted by Simply Southern Custom Art & Boutique, 610 N. Main St. Stop by and meet Amber Jordon and explore her product line.

Saturday, October 5th.... 7:00 a.m. Olde Towne Marion Community-wide yard sale in the parking lot on Harlee Street. \$5 per space, call Chuck 423-9918 for more information.

Tuesday, October 8th..... 6:30 p.m., City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

Saturday, October 19th.....6:00 p.m. Marion Emporium, Wine Tasting, 405 N Main St.

Thursday, October 24th.... Mayor Bobby L. Davis State of the City Address, Marion Opera House, 12:00 PM. Cost is \$5.00, includes lunch.

October 1st thru Oct. 31st..... Scarecrow contest on downtown Main Street. Merchant and groups put up their scarecrow on downtown lampposts. Winners receive \$50.00 gift certificates

Wednesday, November 6th.... 8:30 a.m. Rise and Shine at Martinis & More, 317 N. Main Street. Sorry, no martini samples will be provided. Come meet owner Audrey Bahan and learn more about her establishment.

Monday, November 11th...City Hall Closed, Veterans Day.

Tuesday, November 12th..... 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

Marion Chamber of Commerce 23rd Annual Golf Tournament

TOURNAMENT RESULTS DUSTY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB MARION, SC

Dusty Hills Country Club hosted the 23rd Annual Marion Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament and Dinner on Wednesday, August 28, 2013. Tournament sponsors for this year were A-1 Wireless – T-Mobile, American Waste Systems, Anderson Brothers Bank, First Charter Co., Inc, First Citizens Bank, Palmetto Chevrolet, Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, Pee Dee Federal Savings Bank, Pee Dee Food Service, Pee Dee Office Solutions, and Mark W. Richardson, Marion County Sheriff. Greens sponsors were Beneteau, USA ., Industrial Solutions & Supply, Inc., Robert E. Lee, Attorney at Law, Craig Martin, CPA,PA., and Williamson Printing Company.

A Captain's Choice format was played with a 1 PM shotgun start. After golf, awards were presented by Golf Tournament Chairman, Carroll Atkinson, Chamber Executive Director Judy Johnson and DHCC Club Professional Freddie Barkley. T'Roy's Restaurant catered a chicken bog dinner. 71 players participated.

Committee members were T. Carroll Atkinson, III, Chairman, Elaine & Freddie Barkley, Ashley Brady, Dianne Herrington, and Craig Martin. Special thanks are extended to Chamber member volunteers and sponsors for making this year's tournament and dinner a success.

Tournament Results:

1st Place (56) Larry McIntyre, Jerry Coleman, Lester Wilson, Matt Moody

2nd Place (57) Tommy George, Wayne George, Rodney Rogers, Trey Cooper

3rd Place (57) David Stanaland, Rick Swanson, Jason McIntyre, David Baroody

4th Place (58) Keith Young, Jack Weatherford, Wayne McQuade, Terry Wallace

Closest to Pins: # 2 Lester Wilson, # 18 Ervin Page

Special Prizes:

T- Roy's Restaurant sponsored the 4th place prizes, Palmetto Chevrolet sponsored a car for a Hole in One on #18 and Hulon Jewelers sponsored a diamond ring for a Hole in One on #11. This year there were no takers.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

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SPORTS & RECREATION

First Annual Diabetes Walk

Totally Committed held its first annual diabetic walk Saturday, September 14th at Withlacoochee Park. The event was enjoyed by many. There were several entertainment acts including; ZUMBA, Justine Roberts Performers, Totally Committed, Morris & Nikki Ward just to name a few. If you weren't able to make it to the walk and would still like to contribute, donations are still being accepted at:

American Diabetes Association
P.O. Box 1402
Marion, SC 29571

Thanks for all that helped put this event together and for everyone that came out to show support.



Senior Bingo

We offer Senior Bingo the first & third Thursday of each month. Bingo is **FREE** of charge and we welcome newcomers to come join in on the fun. We offer prizes for the winners and refreshments for you to enjoy while playing. We do have a 2 card playing limit. Come check us out and bring some friends to join in.

CDJ Aerobics

Aerobics classes are offered Monday thru Friday evening, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at CD Joyner. Taught by Ms. Lillie Ann Sanders, the classes are \$30 per month. For information or details, call Recreation Department at 423-5410.

Play Day USA 2013



Senior Aerobics at Watsonia Center

Senior Aerobics has resumed and there are still some spots for newcomers. Classes are on Mondays and Thursday, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The instructor is Mrs. Anna Boatwright. All classes are **FREE**, but donations are appreciated to help defer cost of the class. If you haven't participated before, please come out and register at the Marion Recreation Department.

Play Day 2013 was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who supported this event in Marion. There were more than a dozen children who participated in the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick competition which was one of the various activities available to the many citizens who attended the Play Day 2013 on September 21st.

Your Ping Pong Champions for 2013 Play Day.....left to right...Mr. Dolgun 2nd Place, Frank 1st Place and Walter Davis, 3rd Place. Congratulations to all our participants!

A big CONGRATULATIONS to our Punt Pass and Kick Champions: Owen Turner (6/7), Emily Britt (8/9 girls), Kyle Allen (8/9 boys), Conner Garris (10/11 boys), Abby Johnson (10/11 girls), Lacy Johnson (12/13 girls), Peyton Britt (12/13 boys), Annie Gibson (14/15). These young champions will be moving on to represent our city in a sectional competition. Stay tuned to the Marion Recreation Facebook page for information about this and other upcoming events.

Play Day USA 2013

Don't forget to see all the photos on City of



Marion's or Marion Recreation's facebook.